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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 28, 2008 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the October 28, 2008 Office Action was due November 28, 2008. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due December 28, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Applicants elect to prosecute claims 97-102 of Group III, drawn to a method for manipulating biological cells on a cell carrier by a magnetic force.

Claims 52-86 of Group I, drawn to a cell carrier, are withdrawn at this time.

Claims 87-96 of Group II, drawn to a manipulation device, are withdrawn at this time.

Applicants reserve all rights in these non-elected claims, claims 52-86 and 87-96, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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